REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified application in view of the Applicant's response to Restriction/Election.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Embodiment 1 - Figures 1-3, 10

Embodiment 2 - Figure 5

Embodiment 3 - Figure 6

Embodiment 4 - Figure 7

Embodiment 5 (another embodiment) - Figure 11

Embodiment 6 (another embodiment) - Figure 12

Embodiment 7 - Figure 13

The Examiner states that Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Therefore, Applicants elect Embodiment 1, Figures 1-3 and 10, and Claims 1-4 and 6-8, which read thereon for examination.

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In view of the above, Applicants believe that Claims 1-4, and 6-8, are patentable and in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, Applicants request that this election response be entered, the claims examined, and the case sent to issue.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us. Please charge any costs in connection with this document to our Deposit Account No. 16-0875.

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